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*Cyprus: New violence has broken out in Nicosia, and the Turkish regiment in Cyprus has reportedly come under Greek Cypriot fire for the first time.

Turkish authorities state that the departure yesterday of 21 warships from Iskenderun in the direction of Cyprus marked the beginning of "routine gunnery exercises."

In partial confirmation of this explanation, the press has reported that two freighters which had embarked troops, tanks, and equipment and sailed with the warships on previous occasions when crises arose over Cyprus remained anchored near Iskenderun.

There has been sporadic firing since early yesterday morning along the "Green Line" separating the two sectors of Nicosia. Both Greek and Turkish Cypriots, who are dug in along this line, are expanding their fortifications.

The Kyrenia area remains tense while negotiations for a cease-fire are taking place between Greek and Turkish Cypriots in Nicosia. The Turkish Cypriots who earlier tried to arrange a cease-fire apparently had no influence on the Turkish Cypriot irregulars holding the Kyrenia pass.

UN officials in Nicosia report that the Turkish regiment, stationed north of Nicosia, has been subjected to a burst of machine-gun fire, and Turkish officers have warned of retaliation if the attack is repeated.

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In Athens, conversations have continued between Makarios and former underground leader Grivas.

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[redacted] Grivas has refused to accept conditions offered by Makarios for his return to Cyprus. Grivas reportedly demands political as well as military power. Makarios refuses to concede the former.

25X1 Greece has reacted to recent Turkish moves against the Greek community in Istanbul by "strongly" protesting to the Turkish Government and by threatening to appeal to the UN. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] Greece may also resort to reprisals against the estimated 120,000 ethnic Turks living in Greece. [redacted]

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Communist China - France: The two governments have recently appointed ambassadors who presumably will take their new posts soon.

Peiping has named Vice Foreign Minister Huang Chen as its ambassador to Paris. Huang previously headed Chinese Communist missions to Hungary and Indonesia. The appointment of this high-ranking official is a clear indication that Peiping intends to make Paris a major center for Chinese diplomatic activity in Western Europe.

Paris has announced that Lucien Paye, former minister of education and most recently ambassador to Senegal, will be its ambassador to Peiping. Paye has not been particularly close to De Gaulle and is essentially nonpolitical. He has the reputation of being an effective civil servant.

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*Bolivia: A serious outbreak of peasant violence may follow the deaths of two powerful peasant leaders yesterday.

Felipe Flores, head of the National Campesino Confederation, and Arturo Loayza, a peasant leader from La Paz Department, apparently killed each other in a gun battle in downtown La Paz. The two peasant leaders have been involved in a bitter struggle for control of the national confederation for some months. On 2 April, pro-Loayza forces made an unsuccessful attempt to oust Flores from his position as executive secretary and take over the organization.

The deaths of the two leaders could well cause violent clashes between pro-Flores and pro-Loayza partisans as each group seeks retaliation against the other.

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Brazil: Brazil's new rulers have not yet spelled out the details of the program to be pursued by General Humberto Castello Branco, who is to be inaugurated president today. According to the local press, however, the government will give priority attention to fighting inflation, working out a solution to Brazil's foreign debt problem, and pressing for "economic and social reconstruction." Castello Branco--still under pressure to break relations with Cuba--has indicated his intention to adopt a hard line toward Havana, but is reserving judgment on a diplomatic break.

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British Guiana - Cuba: [Cuba may find it easier to promote subversion in British Guiana and neighboring countries if ten shrimp trawlers, possibly to be obtained from East Germany by Caribbean Fisheries-Guiana Ltd., begin operating out of the colony.]

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operations will begin in about two months,

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A wharf is being expanded upriver from Georgetown, where the company presumably plans to locate a refrigeration and packing plant.

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Algeria: [The party congress of President Ben Bella's National Liberation Front which opens in Algiers tomorrow may be marked by isolated incidents inspired by his opponents. The congress also may be the occasion for some shifts of government personnel, possibly including Foreign Minister Bouteflika.]

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